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                    UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
               WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA
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      CLYDE RAY SPENCER, MATTHEW
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      RAY SPENCER, and KATHRYN E.
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      TETZ,
                     Plaintiffs,
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                                       No. C11 5424 BHS
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        vs.
      FORMER DEPUTY PROSECUTING
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      ATTORNEY FOR CLARK COUNTY
      JAMES M. PETERS, DETECTIVE
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      SHARON KRAUSE, SERGEANT
      MICHAEL DAVIDSON, CLARK
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      COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE,
      CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S
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      OFFICE, THE COUNTY OF CLARK
      and JOHN DOES ONE THROUGH
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      TEN,
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                     Defendants.
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                   DEPOSITION UPON ORAL EXAMINATION
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                                   OF
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                             MENONA LANDRUM
22
      DATE TAKEN: Monday, March 18, 2013
23
                   1:00 p.m.
      TIME:
                   613 W. 11th Street
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      PLACE:
                   Vancouver, Washington
      COURT REPORTER: Andrea L. Stayberg, CCR
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MENONA LANDRUM,

called as a witness in behalf of the Defendants, having been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. BOGDANOVICH:

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- Q. Would you state your full name, please.
- A. Menona Dawn Landrum.
- Q. How do you spell your last name?
- A. L-A-N-D-R-U-M.

THE REPORTER: Is Dawn, D-A-W-N?

THE WITNESS: D-A-W-N.

BY MR. BOGDANOVICH:

- Q. And we might as well have you spell Menona for the record, too, please.
 - A. M-E-N-O-N-A.
- Q. Ms. Landrum, have you ever had your deposition taken before?
 - A. No.
- Q. I'm going to ask you to keep a couple things in mind here as we talk today. Andrea is making a verbatim record of all my questions and all of your answers, so I need to have you answer verbally rather than nodding your head, is one thing I'll ask you to keep in mind. In conversation it's common for people to nod and I can

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see what you're doing but it doesn't come out on our transcript, so if you forget to answer verbally I'll prompt you to give me an answer.

- A. Okay.
- Q. Also in conversation, especially if we go for a while -- I don't expect we should take too long today. But in conversation, especially after a while, you may know what the rest of my question is going to be and have a tendency to start answering it before I'm completely done asking the question, so I'll ask you to be patient, again, for Andrea's benefit, and make sure I finish speaking before you start answering, okay?
 - A. Okay.
- Q. And I'll try and do the same for you. If you need to take a break at any point, let us know and we can certainly do that. The only thing I would ask you to do is answer any question that's been posed to you before you request a break.
 - A. Okay.
 - Q. All right. Are you currently taking any

medication that might affect your ability to recall

events and testify accurately today?

- A. No.
- Q. What is your current address?
- A. 10602 Northeast 19th Street, Vancouver 98664.

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Q.	And,	again,	for	the	record,	you	said	Paul
Spencer,	did	you mean	Pau	ıl He	enderson	?		

Paul Henderson, I'm sorry. What happened to them, oh, here they are. This is what I have a copy of, these letters that you sent to me.

- So you brought a copy of the subpoena that I sent you, my letter, under cover of which the subpoena arrived?
 - Right. Α.
- And then you brought an unsigned copy of your 0. two page declaration of Menona D. Landrum, correct?
 - A. Yes.
- And then the other two pages, one is a Quit-Claim Deed that's numbered Spencer 006062 and a second page, Exhibit "A" to the Deed, which is numbered Spencer 006063; is that correct?
 - A. Right.
- And that's all of the records and documents that you had that were responsive to the subpoena?
 - A. That's all I had, right.
- I would like to go back and discuss with you your employment with the Clark County Sheriff's Office.
 - A. Okay.
- Can you tell me when you first started working for the Clark County Sheriff's Office?

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1	A. 1971.
2	Q. And what was your position that you first hired
3	on at?
4	A. A clerk.
5	Q. What were your duties as a clerk?
6	A. Putting mugshots in a book and fingerprints.
7	Q. Were you a commissioned law enforcement
8	officer?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. Okay. Did you attend some kind of a basic law
11	enforcement academy?
12	A. No.
13	Q. What kind of qualifications did you need to
14	have to be hired in that commissioned law enforcement
15	officer clerk position?
16	A. High school education, I had to take a civil
17	service test.
18	Q. Anything else?
19	A. No.
20	Q. What year did you graduate from high school?
21	A. 1946.
22	Q. And from where?
23	A. Sandy High School in Sandy, Oregon.
24	Q) Did you work as a law enforcement officer
25	anywhere before you started with the Clark County

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1	civil clerk?
2	A. No.
3	Q. Was it after, sometime after you started?
4	A. Yes, because the chief civil deputy did the
5	notarizing before he retired, then I had to have a
6	notary.
7	Q. Who was the chief civil deputy?
8	A. Fred Highland.
9	Q. Do you know anything about Fred Highland's
10	whereabouts, currently?
11	A. Fred Highland is deceased.
12	Q. How long did you work as the civil clerk for
1.3	the Clark County Sheriff's Office?
L 4	A. Until 1991 when I retired.
.5	Q. And were your job duties, for that entire
.6	period that you served in that capacity, to set up the
7	civil papers for service and then do the returns?
.8	A. Correct.
.9	Q. And then, apparently, you also after you
20	obtained your notary status you would notarize documents
21	at work?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. Could you tell me what kinds of documents you
4	would be called upon to notarize?
5	A. Civil documents.

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1	Q. Anything in particular come to mind?
2	A. Pay, rents and vacates, summons and complaints,
3	any civil paper.
4	Q. Can you describe for me what the office set up
5	was, the sheriff's office set up when you worked there?
6	And maybe I should break that down, it may have changed
7	over the period of time you were there, but let's maybe
8	start when you first started working in the civil clerk
9	position. How was the office configured?
10	A. There were three other desks in the area that I
11	was in.
12	Q. The area that you were in, was it some kind of
13	open area that the public could walk into?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. And would have access to all three of the desks
16	that occupied that space?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. Okay. Who occupied the other two desks?
19	A. There was a warrant clerk, the jail clerk.
20	Q. Who was the jail clerk, if you recall, when you
21	first started?
22	A. Alice Wilde, W-I-L-D-E.
23	Q. How long did Ms. Wilde serve as the jail clerk
24	there?
25	A. She retired before I did, probably until 1990.

16 1 brought down by the jail clerk to that area of the 2 sheriff's office? 3 Α. No. You don't recall any occasion, not even one Q. 4 where an inmate was brought down? 5 6 A. No. 7 Okay. Do you have any knowledge, whether it's firsthand or just from talking to the jail clerk or 8 anyone, do you have any knowledge as to whether inmates 9 10 were ever taken from the jail and brought down to different locations in the sheriff's office? 11 12 A.) No. 13 And I guess I should maybe have you describe 0. for us, please, where was the jail in relation to where 14 15 your civil side of the sheriff's office was located? It was on the fifth floor. 16 A. 17 MS. ZELLNER: Can I object just for a second, 18 just because I know the time frame on this. There are 19 two different locations that are at issue here, there's 20 the old jail and the courthouse and the new jail where Spencer ended up years later, so just so you know, I 21 22 think she's talking about the old jail. 23 MR. BOGDANOVICH: Okay. 24 BY MR. BOGDANOVICH: 25 In light of Ms. Zellner's objection I was

17 1 asking you about -- and I want to try to start just with 2 when you first started working as the civil clerk and 3 you had this three desk configuration, let's just take it at that point first. 4 A. Okay. 6 Q. When you first started, where was the jail in 7 relation to your work station? On the fifth floor. 8 A. 9 Q. Of what? Of the courthouse. 10 A. 11 Okay, the courthouse building. And what floor were you on? 12 13 The ground floor. At some point is it true that the Clark County 14 Sheriff's Office moved the jail to a different location? 15 16 A. Correct. 17 0. And when did that occur? April of 1985. 1984 (pursuant to errata sheet) 18 A. 19 And in April, do you remember was it April 1st? Q. 20 A. No. 21 Do you remember the specific date? Q. 22 I don't remember. 23 In April of 1985, where was the jail relocated Q. 24 to? 1984 (pursuant to errata sheet) 25 Across the street from the courthouse.

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1	Q. Okay. How many others were there?
2	A. One.
3	Q. And who was that?
4	A. Her name was Joan Shelton (phonetic).
5	Q. What was her title with the sheriff's office?
6	A. She was a clerk also.
7	Q. Also in the civil division like you?
8	A. No, she worked in the detective division.
9	Q. Do you know what years she worked at the
, 10	sheriff's office?
11	A. She was there when I went there, she was there
12	when I retired, and she since passed away.
13	Q. Okay. Do you know Sharon Krause?
14	A. I know who she is.
15	Q. And how do you know who she is?
1.6	A. Because she worked in the same office,
17	building.
18	Q. Okay. Did you ever have occasion to do any
19	official sheriff's office business with Sharon Krause?
20	A. No.
21	Q. How about Michael Davidson, did you ever work
22	directly in any capacity with Michael Davidson?
23	A. No.
24	Q. Did you ever meet Sharon Krause or did you just
25	know who she was and that she worked for the sheriff's

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	1	office?
	2	A. That she worked for the sheriff's office.
	3	Q. Did you ever meet her?
	4	A. Through work, that's all.
	5	Q. Okay. Did you ever do anything socially with
	6	Sharon Krause?
	7	A. No.
	8	Q. How about Michael Davidson?
	9	A. No.
	10	Q. Did you ever meet Michael Davidson?
	11	A. Through work, that's all.
	12	Q. Did you ever have any personal interaction at
	13	work with Sharon Krause that caused you to question her
	14	honesty?
	15	A. No.
	16	Q. How about Michael Davidson, did you ever have
	17	any interaction with him that caused you to question his
	18	honesty?
	19	A. No.
	20	Q. Did you know a deputy by the name of Ray
	21	Pacheco?
	22	A. The name's familiar.
	23	Q. Do you recall anything about him?
	24	A. No.
	25	Q. Were you ever aware of any Clark County
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Objection - relevance

Response probative of
possible
others in
Sheriff's
Office who
might engage
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21 sheriff's deputies that were criminally prosecuted? I think this Pacheco was. 2 Objection relevance 3 Okav. Do you recall --0. Response -I don't recall the case. 4 see previous response To your knowledge, did Mr. Pacheco lose his job 5 Q. as a result of that criminal prosecution? 6 7 I believe so, yes. Α. Are there any other deputies or former deputies 8 with Clark County Sheriff's Office that you are aware of 9 that were criminally prosecuted for anything? 10 11 A. No. 12 0. Okav. MR. BOGDANOVICH: Can I have you mark this as 13 Exhibit 2? 14 (Deposition Exhibit No. 2 marked for 15 identification.) 16 BY MR. BOGDANOVICH: 17 Q. Ms. Landrum, I'm going to hand you what's been 1.8 marked as Exhibit 2 to your deposition, and I have some 19 questions for you, after you've had a chance to review 20 it. 21 (Witness complied.) 22 23 A. Okay. All right. Are you familiar with the two pages 24 that have been marked as Exhibit 2? 25

- Did you say he came to your home?
- He did.
- And had he called you first?
- Tell me as best you remember, what did Mr. Henderson tell you when he called you for the first
- That he was investigating a case pertaining to James Peters, Sharon Krause and Michael Davidson.
 - Okay. Did he tell you anything else?
 - That there was a lawsuit pending.
- Okay. Anything else, as we sit here today, that you recall he said in that first telephone call?
 - That he wanted to meet with me.
 - Did he tell you why he wanted to meet with you?
 - He was investigating this case.
- Is that all you recall about why he said he wanted to speak with you?
 - To my knowledge.
- Okay. Did he say anything in that first telephone conversation about a Quit-Claim Deed and signatures on it?
 - Did he mention the name Clyde Ray Spencer in

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that first telephone conversation?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Did you know who that was?
- A. I had heard the name.
- Q. And when had you heard the name?
- A. Way back, there had been a write-up in our paper just this last year, I'd seen him on 20/20. I believe there was an interview.
- Q. And when you talk about the write-up in the paper, you think just in the last year, what's the name of the newspaper?
 - A. The Columbian.
- Q. What was the gist of the write-up, if you remember?
 - A. How he had been falsely arrested.
- Q. And how about the 20/20, that's the television show you're referring to?
 - A. Interview.
 - Q. Right.
 - A. Same thing.
- Q. Did you just happen to see that watching TV one evening or had you heard there was going to be a program about Mr. Spencer, so you purposely watched it?
- A. I had heard there was going to be, purposely watched, yes.

- Q. Do you remember where you had heard about the fact that the program was going to be airing?
 - A. I think it was advertised on TV.
- Q. And when you saw those ads, did the name Clyde Ray Spencer mean anything to you?
 - A. Not particularly.

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- Q. When you say "not particularly," did it mean anything at all?
 - A. Well, aren't you curious as to what it's about?
 - Q. Well, I'm asking you.
 - A. I would be curious as to what it was about.
- Q. When you first heard there was going to be a program about Clyde Ray Spencer and then when you say you were curious what it was going to be about, was your curiosity because of the fact that the advertisements made it clear he had been prosecuted in Clark County?
 - A. We had already read the issue in the paper.
- Q. Okay. So had there been an earlier newspaper article that you had read about Mr. Spencer in, because it's my understanding the 20/20 program aired, I don't know, maybe a couple, several years ago, but you mentioned a newspaper article in the last year that had a write-up. Are you saying that you had read something in the local newspaper even before the 20/20 program aired?

26 A. Yes. 1 And was there another article roughly in the 2 last year that you've read? 3 Α. No. 4 So that comment to the newspaper article being 5 in the last year, that was an approximation? 6 7 A. Probably. But your recollection is that you read about 8 Mr. Spencer in The Columbian before the 20/20 program 9 aired? 10 A. Yes. 11 And when you first read about Mr. Spencer and 12 his case, you made no connection from any personal 13 involvement with Mr. Spencer prior to that; is that 14 accurate? 1.5 16 A. No. 0. That is accurate? 17 That is accurate. A. 18 Sorry, that was an awkward question but I think 19 How long did your telephone I understand your answer 20 conversation with Paul Henderson last the first time he 21 called you and said he wanted to speak with you? 22 Five minutes. 23 A. Okay. And you've told me everything you recall 24 25 about that conversation?

- A. Right.
- Q. And by the end of that conversation, had you made an agreement with Mr. Henderson that he could come to your home and speak with you?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Did he, in fact, then come to your house to speak with you?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Did he bring this declaration with him to that meeting at your house?
- A. Not that meeting, we had two meetings at my house.
- Q. Okay. Let's talk about the first meeting. Do you remember when he came to your house?

MS. ZELLNER: Do you mean the date?

MR. BOGDANOVICH: Right.

THE WITNESS: This was the second visit, the first one was probably ten days prior to this, I'm estimating.

BY MR. BOGDANOVICH:

- Q. When you're saying ten days prior to this, you're pointing to the --
 - A. The 24th.
- Q. -- January 24th date that you signed your declaration?

Objection hearsay;
calls for
speculation
Response - not
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truth, it is
relevant to
impact this
information may
have had on
Landrum's
conclusion about

her own signature